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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C. & S. B. REGIST.  
No. S. B. D. 3028  
Date 14/1/32  
H. Q. Crime Branch Station,

Date January 14, 1932.

Subject (in full) On C. H. Pragnell.

Made by D.S. 98 McPhee

Forwarded by Supt. Quayle

Sir,

Reference to the attached Memorandum the undersigned interviewed P. A. Cox Esq., Manager of the C.P.R. Co., re Cecil Herbert Pragnell, and he stated that he had sent full particulars of the case to the Hongkong Office and that up to the present he had received no reply, and that he could take no action without their sanction.

He further stated that Pragnell denies having deserted the Empress of Japan, but states that he missed the ship.

C. H. Pragnell has been employed by the C.P.R. Co. for 12 years, but Mr. Cox stated that he knows nothing about his character.

Mr. Cox questioned Pragnell as to who Cowdie was, who had sent a cable to Shanghai from Vancouver inquiring about him, and he stated that it was a Miss Cowdie, whom he was engaged to marry.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*John McPhee*  
D.S. 98

D.C. (Crime)

*Super. H.C.C.I.*

*When report re application for licence is  
forwarded please attach this file for  
information of D.O. "B" div.*

*D.O. B.*

*For your information please*

*John Quayle  
Supt.*

*D.C. Court!  
Application for  
already returned ✓  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. RECORD
No. S. B. D. 3078
Date 13/1/32

January

12,

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Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
ref. 315-1-C of January 11 regarding Mr. C. Pragnell  
the contents of which have been noted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner (Crime).

P.A. Cox, Esq.,

Manager,

Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,

4 The Bund.

C.C.R. notified to cancel  
message at 3.10 PM Jan 12  
A.B.B.

*Super 10.*  
C. No. 1  
Is the first person  
to hold a license, ask  
C.P.R. Pass whole file  
to D.O. B.  
13/1/32

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY  
TRAFFIC AGENTS FOR  
CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIPS, LIMITED

P. A. COX  
ASSISTANT ORIENTAL MANAGER  
4, THE BUND  
TELEGRAMS "NAUTILUS"  
TELEPHONE 65561  
P. O. BOX 1231

SHANGHAI

Jan. 11th 1932

315-1-C

The Commissioner,  
Criminal Investigation Dept.,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to my letter of 8th inst., will you kindly  
note that Mr. C. Pragnell appeared before me to-day. There will be no  
need for further investigation as to this man's whereabouts.

Yours truly,

  
Assistant Oriental Manager

B.B.-D.3078

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11. 1. 32.

January

9,

32.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.315-1-C of January 8 regarding one C. Pragnell, steward of the s.s. "Empress of Japan" and to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. Kay*

Deputy Commissioner (Crime).

P.A. Cox, Esq.,

Manager,

Canadian Pacific Railway Co.,

4 The Bund.

*P.A. Cox  
Circulated  
11/1/32 J. Kay*

C.S. please circulate to all Stations. ✓

*11/1/32  
✓ circulated through C.C.R.  
at 3.45 P.M. Jan. 11.  
J. Kay*



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SHANGHAI January 8th 1932.  
315-1-C

SHANGHAI POLICE  
REGISTRY  
D. D. 3078  
9. 1. 32.

The Commissioner,  
Criminal Investigation Department,  
Shanghai Municipal Police,  
SHANGHAI.

Dear Sir:-

We have just been advised that C. Pragnell, Second Steward,  
"Empress of Japan" deserted this steamer at Shanghai. The "Empress of  
Japan" arrived Shanghai on Monday 9 AM, 4th instant, and sailed 6 AM  
on Tuesday, 5th instant, for Vancouver via Japan Ports. We have furthermore  
received the following cable from Vancouver this afternoon:

"HAVE YOU ANY TRACE PRAGNELL EMPRESS OF JAPAN  
PLEASE CABLE RETURN CODE 1186 BIDWELL VANCOUVER."

I shall be much obliged if you will have enquiries made and  
endeavour to ascertain the whereabouts of this man and kindly report result.

Yours truly,

  
ASSISTANT ORIENTAL MANAGER.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

H. Q. Crime Branch Station,

Date January 12, 1932.

Subject (in full) Report on Cecil Herbert Pragnell

Made by D.S. 98 McPhee

Forwarded by Det. Supt. Quayle

Sir,

Reference to Daily Information Sheet No. 801 of 11-1-32, under Miscellaneous C. Pragnell, second steward S. S. "Empress of Japan", is reported to have deserted his steamer at Shanghai on Tuesday, January 5, 1932. (S/B. D.3079)

On the 9-1-32 application No. 32/16 was received at the Boarding House Section for the transfer of a Licence, Restaurant (Beer at Meals) for premises situated at 1269 Bubbling Well Road, near Ferry Road, applied for by one C. H. Pragnell, British Subject, premises situated at 1269 Bubbling Well Road, at present licensed under the name of Mr. M. Voitzman, Russian. C. H. Pragnell had no Police record and the report was forwarded on the 9-1-32 from the Boarding House Section.

<sup>date</sup>  
This/the undersigned visited 1269 Bubbling Well Road, where it was learned that C. H. Pragnell was residing in Room 205 of the Plaza Hotel. On receipt of the above information the Plaza Hotel was visited and in Room 205 interviewed Cecil Herbert Pragnell, age 31, British subject, on the pretence of making enquiries re the transfer of the licence.

C. H. Pragnell stated that he arrived in Shanghai 8 days ago from Vancouver on the S.S. "Empress of Japan", on which ship he was employed as Chief Stewart, Second Class, and that he had missed the above ship when it set sail from Shanghai.

C. H. Pragnell has a female residing with him at the Plaza Hotel. He further stated that he was going to the British Consulate this afternoon with some person from the C.P.R. and if the Consulate would put his passport in order he would remain in Shanghai, and conduct a restaurant at 1269

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Bubbling Well Road if he was granted a licence.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*John C. P. Hu*

D.S. 98

D.C.(Crime)